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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak. Demand had tapered into all channels ranging slow to fair, slightly better where features were active and into restaurants. Supplies of heavier sizes were fully sufficient and slow to clear, and smaller sizes were adequate to more available. In the parts structure, wings were in the tightest position with strong movement. Breast items were fully sufficient to ample and heavily discounted to help move, but with little results. Dark meat items were at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 62.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 60.25 cents last year on the 22nd September, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

### DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	169.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.00
LEG QUARTERS	29.00
WINGS	66.50

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 09/16/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	171,284	168,805	+01
CHICKS PLACED	142,722	140,982	+01

### Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 171 million eggs during the week ending September 16, 2000. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 16, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through September 16, 2000, were 5.40 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 28-Oct-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 155.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.35 CENTS PER POUND.

**WESTERN** The market tone was about steady. Offerings ample for an only fair buyer's interest. Sharp discounts offered to help stimulate buying activity. Demand moderate to instances good where features in progress. Floor stocks generally adequate. Breasts were weak, wings strong and balance of parts generally steady.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was slow and unaggressive to fair with limited trading. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items continued to increase in availability and were slow to move. Wings were in the strongest position with supplies tight, and dark meat was balanced and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST** Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers barely steady to weak. Offerings of additional product going untaken with heavy weights fully adequate and smaller sized whole birds and Wogs adequate. Fill in trading noted on Wogs at 46 cents in Chicago. Movement into retail channels seasonally light with an occasional fair at best noted. Retail features in Chicago on wings, drums or thighs at 99 cents and boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.99. In Michigan, a major retail chain featuring whole breasts at \$1.00. Food service demand uneven with fast food slowing and moderate to good movement reported into sit-down restaurants. Floor stocks at least adequate with a few receivers curtailing regular commitments in order to maintain balance. Weights mostly desirable and trending on the heavy side of the range. Parts trading was very light with the exception of wings which were well cleared and sought after. Supplies were increasing in availability on all items with the exclusion of wings, which remained short of trade needs. Trade sentiment firm on wings, steady to unsettled on leg quarters and weak on breast items.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair. Offerings of the 4 pound sizes were fully adequate and often slow to clear. In addition, the lighter weights were at least adequate and becoming slightly more available at some locations. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak on the larger birds, cautiously steady to instances weak on the smaller sizes. In the parts market, breast items remained ample, and dark meat items were more than adequate to available. However, wings were closely balanced to occasionally tight as seasonal interest remained strong.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds slowed on all sizes. Seller offerings were readily available, particularly on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, Wings continued to clear well. Gizzards and Livers were in tight supply. Other cuts, particularly bone-in and boneless skinless breasts had increased in availability and were difficult to clear.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	42-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.19
NO. OF BOXES	10,128
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	571	150.00-220.00	165-170	170.47
TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	80.00-86.00	82-84	83.45
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	32.00-45.00	-	33.18
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	637	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	932	28.00-30.00	29-30	29.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	505	71.00-93.00	73-75	77.51
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
50.50 - 55.00	51.52

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	579	150.00-220.00	165-170	165.90
TENDERLOINS	175	215.00-255.00	-	223.14
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	79.00-86.00	80-82	79.70
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	32.00-47.00	33-34	33.05
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	631	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,170	28.00-30.00	29-30	29.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	113	59.00-64.00	-	61.96
WINGS (CUT)	399	70.00-95.00	74-76	74.76
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50 - 54.00	51.87	52.47

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was slow as dealer interest remained very selective and cautious. Supplies bone-in and boneless-skinless breasts were ample and discounted sharply, and dark meat items were at least adequate to available. In contrast, seasonal interest continued to center on the limited supply of wings. Movement into retail and distributive channels remained fair at best. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings, no better than steady to barely steady on dark meat items, and weak on bone-in and boneless-skinless breasts.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2000

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	161.88	658,770
TENDERLOINS	180-185	213.69	317,950
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	84.17	359,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	78.39	136,800
LEGS	35-36	39.14	250,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	29.09	612,196
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.76	250,750
THIGHS	27-28	34.42	182,920
B/S THIGHS	77-78	81.98	49,450
WINGS (WHOLE)	62-63	71.60	352,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.27	139,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.57	76,230
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.70	74,480

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	159.17	547,950
TENDERLOINS	180-185	214.29	123,090
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-75	82.94	358,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	75.71	209,000
LEGS	35-36	38.92	206,980
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.78	455,972
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	33.74	195,910
THIGHS	27-28	34.41	144,960
B/S THIGHS	77-78	81.90	51,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	63-64	72.62	365,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	83,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.41	73,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.05	78,040

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/20	09/19	09/18	09/15	09/13
ALA	3,981	4,002	3,935	4,347	5.06
ARK	5,284	5,099	5,177	5,568	4.85
DELMARVA	2,402	2,416	2,362	2,375	5.17
KY-LA-TN	1,876	1,849	1,908	2,053	4.39
MISS	2,845	2,841	2,730	2,830	5.00
NC	2,600	2,376	2,648	2,765	5.80
TEXAS	2,203	2,270	2,278	2,279	4.73
TOTAL	21,191	20,853	21,038	22,217	5.01
MON-WED	63,309	(A)		63,166	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Sep 00 is estimated to be 31,704,000 up 1.70 percent from a week ago and up 4.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,322,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	72
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-96
	DRY PACK	103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-111
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-165

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT-23-00

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	09/23/00 (1)	09/16/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	159,439 (2)	158,105
LT HENS	1,659	1,738
HVY HENS	1,670	1,577
CHECK TOTAL	162,768	161,420

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Sep-00 is 150.2 million head compared to 157.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.8 million head or 9.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 30-Sep-00 the estimated available is 150.2 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	<b>LBS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
AM 18-Sep-00	158,717	78,141
AM 1-Aug-00	167,385	75,915
CHG	-8,668	2,226
PCT CHG	-5	3

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	09/18/00	09/12/00	09/21/99	09/18/00	09/12/00	09/21/99
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	18,610	20,842	36,500	11,581	11,124	16,631
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	235	233	318	3,903	4,042	6,456

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF September 18, 2000

	<b>RANGE</b>
<b>HENS</b> ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	52-58
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-62

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